the people due to radiation in areas around Rajasthan Atomic Power Station.

(b) A study carried out by two committees consisting of Doctors, Radiation Oncologists and Radiation Physiiists appointed by the Rajasthan Government concluded that the maladies observed in the area in question cannot be attributed to the operation of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station. The nuclear reactors at Rajasthan are operated as per the safety standards followed internationally. A strict control is exercised by a scheme of monitoring releases from Rajasthan Atomic Power Station at the source prior to their discharge into the environment by means of inplant instrumentation supplemented by an environmental monitoring programme.

Fertiliser Pricing Policy

383. SHRI BHADRESWAR GOHAIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the fertilizer pricing of the F.I.C.C. shown any disparity between the Units ;

(b) whether Government are also aware that the retention price for the NAMRUP units of the H.F.C. is the lowest among the units ;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the retention price for the NAMRUP units in comparison to other Fertilizer Units ; and

(d) if so, to what extent the increase has been intended ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Retention price of controlled fertilizers is fixed for each unit after taking into account the normative capacity utilisation prescribed by the Government and a combination of norms and actuals in respect of various cost elements and expenses. The retention price scheme also provides for reasonable return on net worth. The retention price so fixed differs from unit to unit depending upon the vintage of the plants, the feedstock used, normative level of capacity utilisation, energy consumption, cost of inputs, etc.

(b) While the existing notified retention price of NAMRUP I and II units is the lowest among the units, the retention price of NAMRUP III unit is higher than some of the other units.

(c) and (d) In view of reply to part (a) above, question does not arise.

Recovery Under DPEA

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are currently negotiating a settlement with the multinational drug companies regarding their dues under Drug Price Equalisation Account ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) What is the total amount of dues to be recovered from the drug Companies under Drug Price Equalisation Account ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Government are not negotiating any settlement with any of the drug companies regarding their dues under DPEA.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Tentative liabilities in respect of the drug companies have been determined. In most cases these have been challenged and are being considered through personal hearings that have been sought by the companies. Some companies have also approached various courts in this connection.